DROPS FROM VIEW:

Ex-U2 Pilot Powers Quits Post With CIA

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WASHINGTON, Nov. 2. — Francis Gary Powers, former U2 pilot downed over Russia, is no longer in the employ of the Central Intelligence

Agency, a CIA spokesman said today, and seems to have dropped out of public view.

Powers, who was working for the CIA after his release from a Soviet prison in February, resigned from the agency October 6 and apparently has left the Washington area.

Col. Stanley J. Grogan, assistant CIA director, said Powers' last address was Hunting Towers in Alexandria, Va., but that the agency did not know at present of his whereabouts.

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Employes at the Alexandria apartment gave Powers' forwarding address as that of his sister, Janice Melvin, in Falls Church, Va., but she walkqually reticent about where Powers might be.

POWERS' LAWYER, REACHED IN Norton, Va., said there was no "real mystery" about his whereabouts, but said "if the CIA doesn't want to tell, I

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don't think I should intringe upon his rights." He said Powers "wanted

to be alone," and said that he is "safe and in good health."

Powers sued his wife, Barbara, for divorce last August. She filed a countersuit, and both cases are expected to be heard in Milledgeville, Ga., sometime in January.

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